BEFORE

THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF

SOUTH CAROLINA

DOCKET NO. 97-314-T - ORDER NO. 98-402

JUNE 1, 1998

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IN RE:	Application Tommy Tucker DBA Mark I)	ORDER	ş ` ;
	Moving & Storage, 8 Cartee Avenue,)	DENYING	
	Greenville, SC 29605, to Amend Scope of)	REQUESTS	
	Class E Certificate of Public Convenience and)		
	Necessity.)		

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) on the request of the Intervenor Carey Moving & Storage of Greenville, Inc. (Carey or the Intervenor) for a continuance of the hearing currently set for May 28, 1998, and for more time to answer certain interrogatories propounded by the Applicant Tommy Tucker DBA Mark I Moving & Storage (Mark I or the Applicant). Mark I opposes the request through counsel.

The grounds for Carey's request for continuance of the hearing are that the hearing week is one of the busiest for movers of household goods in the State, and that having the hearing that week would take the participants away from their business. With regard to the request for extension of time to answer the interrogatories, the Intervenor states that attendance at the South Carolina Trucking Association meeting delayed his receipt of said interrogatories, and, therefore, more time is needed to answer. Mark I takes issue with these statements, and urges us to have the hearing on its scheduled date, and to enforce Intervenor's answering the interrogatories.

Although we sympathize with the plight of the Intervenor, we must deny both requests. Although we recognize that the hearing week is a busy one for movers of household goods, the business of the Commission must continue. The request for continuance is therefore denied. With regard to the request to extend the time for answering Applicant's interrogatories to the Intervenor, we must also deny this request. Since we have held that the hearing shall go on as scheduled, it would serve no useful purpose to extend the time for the Intervenor to answer Applicant's interrogatories. This request is therefore also denied.

In short, we do not state that the Intervenor has stated good grounds for either of its requests, therefore both must be denied. This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Chairman

ATTEST:

Executive Director

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